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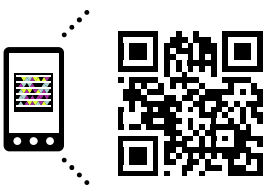
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Blue Devils Dip for a cause



L-R: Emma Fleurent is accompanied by her helper, Megan Lafleur, as they dive together at the first Blue Devil Dip on 3/13/24 in the parking lot of Fairhaven High School, when more than 60 people dove into a portable pool as a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics, with Steve Huftalen of the Special Olympics keeping an eye on things. See page 6. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, then, this is an election season, huh?

We have candidate statements for Planning Board (pages 12, 13) for the two regular, full term seats, and for the one year unexpired term. Both races are contested. Pretty cool, huh?

On page 3, find information on the Government Access candidates night, and a separate debate.

And, starting on page 5 (but continuing on and on), find a bunch of letters from our readers. Most are for the election, but a few are on other topics.

Busy, busy.

You have, no doubt, been seeing yard signs all around town, and candidates and their supporters out there holding signs. Some are knocking on doors. I urge you to pay attention and ask them questions if you see them.

Please, let's stop creating BozoBoards, okay? We have lots of candidates to choose from.

Just a couple of weeks until Fairhaven votes on 4/1.

Our cover story was so much fun.

Students and others jumped into the cold water of a portable pool at the high school in support of Special Olympics. It was a light-hearted event with lots of laughs. See page 6 for a bunch of pictures.

There's other stuff in here, of course. The additional ads we have around this time of year are pretty informative, too. So make sure you check them out.

And be sure to notice who our regular advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

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Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue on the Masthead (page 2), we neglected to change the date. It should have been Thursday, March 14, 2024. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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Fairhaven will have a candidates night and a debate night

Candidates Night



The Town of Fairhaven Public Access TV is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates night on Thurs., 3/21, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. The event is open to the public, and will run live on Channel 18 and will run live and be available on demand on FairhavenTV.com.

Candidates Debate



There will also be a candidates debate for Select Board and Planning Board candidates on Sun., 3/24, from 1-3 p.m., at Traveler's Alehouse, 111 Huttleston Ave. (Route 6), Fairhaven.

The purpose of the Candidate Debate is to give Fairhaven voters an opportunity to hear you, the candidates, answer and discuss the issues

of importance to them in this election. This is your opportunity to directly speak to the Fairhaven community and showcase who you are as a candidate.

Candidates will answer questions from the three-person panel moderated event. All questions to the candidates will cover various aspects pertinent to the Town of Fairhaven. The candidates will not be informed of the questions. The forum will follow the nonpartisan, unbiased and impartial format established by the moderator.

The event is free and open to the public. It will be recorded and will run on Channel 95, and will be available on demand on FairhavenTV.com.

The forum is sponsored by the Committee to elect Keith Silvia, 774-263-2249, ksilvia2@yahoo.com

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I ask for your vote April 1st.

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Worship with us this Easter Season!

Palm Sunday • March 24 • 10 a.m.

A special service when we will remember Jesus' last days before crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday • March 28

**Soup Supper: 5:45 p.m. in Maddaford Vestry
(William St. entrance)**

Tenebrae Service: 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary (Center St. entrance)

Join us for a meaningful service when we remember how Jesus met with his friends on the night before he died and celebrated Communion with them. Then listen and watch as we contemplate Jesus' passion and seven last words as candles are extinguished one by one.

**Good Friday • March 29 • Noon – 3 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

Personal Meditation/Prayer Time

Our sanctuary will be open for anyone who wants to spend a portion of this time in meditation and prayer.

Easter Sunday • March 31 • 10 a.m.

Join with other members and friends of our church to sing out "Christ is Risen" as we celebrate the resurrection in song, prayer, and scripture.

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From our readers

Education is Not Political Indoctrination

"Hey, Johnny, what are you rebelling against?"

"Whaddya got?!" [Marlon Brando, The Wild One]

Education teaches young people to use their mind like adults, for adult living. Education is not social adjustment, psychotherapy, political indoctrination or job training.

Education is science for reality, math for the mind, history for what man has done, and literature for what man can do and should do. The Greek discovery of the mind. The American discovery of how to protect the mind with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Education needs a focused mind. Unfocused minds are guided by emotions. But at Fairhaven High School, "Social Justice and Teens" teaches the unfocused mind, differences without discrimination, discrimination (rational or irrational) as "oppression," and vendettas of "oppressed" tribes against "oppressor" tribes. So discriminating between food and poison is just as

oppressive as racial or ethnic discrimination.

Social justice condemns the focused mind as prejudiced and biased. "Check your bias to wreck your bias....calling on a wider order of logic than comes from the mind. This wider order of logic requires close attention to emotions."

Justice is the focused mind discriminating among differences for what is better or worse for one's own life. Social justice is the unfocused mind passively tolerating all differences, with no concern for one's own life. Social justice is the unfocused mind willfully ignorant of what is better and worse for one's life.

Social Justice says that ability is different from disability, not better or worse; a healthy brain is different from dyslexia, not better or worse; male and female are different from "gender" fantasies, not better or worse; hearing is different from deafness, not better or worse; Sight is different from blindness, not better or worse.

"[We] are dedicated to breaking the habit of discrimination." So

cannibalism and slavery are merely different from individual rights and constantly increasing, technological prosperity, not better or worse.

"Ableism is...systemic discrimination against people with disabilities." Remember this when you want a doctor, airline pilot or car mechanic. Or teacher. Especially teachers of young people.

Social justice says that you are not a real individual with your own mind. You are a mindless product of a socially recognized, biological group, usually race, ethnicity, sex, and gender. You, as individual, are not important. As Hitler said, "You are nothing. Your folk is everything."

Do parents, voters, and taxpayers know or care about this indoctrination? Or are they grateful that "the authorities" have relieved them of the responsibility to judge what they buy, a responsibility that they accept when buying food or a car? It's dangerous to put the minds of young people, maybe your children, into the care of teachers who may or may not teach the values of parents.

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UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

Worship at 10 a.m. Sundays

March 24: 'Youth Rising'

Nursery care is available in the Harrop Center starting at 9:45 a.m.

March 23: Coffeehouse featuring SloGrass at 7 p.m., \$15 for adults, \$7 under 15
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Fairhaven Blue Devils dip for a cause

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven High School students and members of the community dipped in the cold waters of a portable pool to support the Special Olympics of Massachusetts. On Wednesday, 3/14/24, eight teams with more than 60 participants, jumped or walked into the chilly waters exceeding the \$2500 goal by...a lot, raising \$9672.00.

Members of the Unified Club, Ambassador's Club, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball, the Davis Boys, and the Fairhaven Police

Department participated in the first time event for FHS.

A couple of hundred people also showed up to cheer on the brave ones in the parking lot of FHS on a pretty chilly day.

Kathy Lutz, direct of school initiatives for Special Olympics said the event showed that Fairhaven has made inclusion a priority in the schools.

Coach Angie Allaire said the fund-raising "far exceeded our wildest expectations."

Maddie Moura won the award for top fund-raiser, for bringing in a

whopping \$1785.

After the dip, Emma Fleurent won the "Most Spirited" award after needing several attempts to gather her courage to jump, and then going for it with gusto.

Organizers said they hope to make it an annual event.

Special Olympics allows athletes of differing abilities to compete in the sports they love sponsoring lifelong friendships and competitive spirits, and celebrating inclusion for athletes on and off the playing field.

Learn more at <https://www.specialolympicsma.org>



ABOVE LEFT: L-R: Kyra Joseph and Carlee Bissonnette dive in at the first Blue Devil Dip on 3/13/24 in the parking lot of Fairhaven High School, when more than 60 people dove into a portable pool as a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Barrett Becotte and Will Foster dive right in. BELOW LEFT: Richard Senna. BELOW MIDDLE LEFT: L-R: Danyka Fonseca and Anne Fleurent. BELOW MIDDLE RIGHT: Abby Hooley and Sophia Fleurent. BELOW RIGHT: L-R: Brothers Hudson and Carson, dressed as Ranch Dressing and Mustard. BOTTOM LEFT: Maddie Moura accepts the award for raising a whopping \$1785.00. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Emma Fleurent shows her delight at winning the "Most Spirited" award. BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the Unified Club (L-R) substitute teacher, Johanna Thorp; Megan Lafleur; Emma Fleurent; Maddie Moura; Taylor Desmarais; Maeve Bradshaw; Arden Bradshaw. *Beth David photos.*



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7 PM Eucharist and
Foot Washing



GOOD FRIDAY March 29 Stations of
2 PM The Cross 7 PM Solemn
Liturgy with
Passion Play



EASTER VIGIL March 30 Ancient Eucharist
7 PM Rite with Easter
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Kool Kids April Vacation

Embark on a thrilling school vacation program, tailored for grades K-6 packed with an array of activities! Dive into active games, team sports, captivating art projects, exhilarating science challenges. Four-day program Tues-Fri 8am-3pm Pizza lunch on Friday. April 16-19 \$160 for members \$175 for Non-members Register soon, this program fills up quickly

Mommy & Me Movement & Sound

Must Pre-register!! Bring your little one(s) to a fun and inclusive series! Join Sara DaCosta in a yoga movement and sound experience with your toddler(s). We will circle up with some stretches and games on our mats as we move our bodies and find some balance. Our circle will close up with an opportunity to use sound instruments and enjoy a relaxing shavasana with our friends while receiving some sound healing. Sarah is certified in Advanced sound healing. Pretzel kids yoga and Yoga Alliance International. This is a 5 week program, cost includes Parent or Guardian and a child 5 years old or younger. Additional children are \$25.

Members \$65. Non-members, \$75.

March 22-April 26 10:30-11:30am
(no class April 19th)

Kids Night Out April 5th! Attention Parents!!

It is time to reclaim your evening and let the Fairhaven Rec center create magical moments for your children! Say goodbye to the hustle and bustle as you drop off your kids for an unforgettable Parents Night Out. Children will enjoy exciting games and creative arts. Pizza will be served to the kiddos so dinner is taken care of. While the kids are having a blast, you can have a date night, go shopping, check out the workout room at the rec or simply just relax and unwind.

The program is open to children 8-12 years old. \$25 for members \$30 for non-members. Must register by 4/1

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http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA_COA/index

Fairhaven Council on Aging

Easter Dinner

Sun., 3/31. Join us for a lovely Easter Dinner at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu is salad, baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter, assorted desserts.

Please call to sign up by Wednesday, 3/22, 508-979-4029.

Tech Classes

Computer and smartphone classes at COA call 508-979-4029. Next class on Mon., 3/25: Novice level, Web Browsers, Safety, Search Engines and Artificial Intelligence.

Social Day Program

The Fairhaven Social Day Program provides a fun day of activities for seniors who are in need of supervision or just want to spend the day socializing with others. The program is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-3:00. Lunch is provided and transportation can be arranged at an additional fee.

For more information, please call 508-993-9455 and ask for Sally Bourke.

Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$2. To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior

month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 3/27, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods; 4/3, Twin River Casino.; 4/10, Warwick Mall; 4/17, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods.

Memory Cafe

March 28, 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 3/25.

A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

Entertainment will be Tony & Pat. Lunch will be Turkey with gravy.

Space is limited. Please sign up by March 25 at 508-979-4029.

Monday Movie Matinee

Free. Mon., 3/25 12:15 p.m. If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the day before to reserve a meal. \$2 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

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Recipe of the Week

Favorite Irish Bread

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 2 cups 2% milk, room temperature
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1-1/2 cups raisins
- 2 tablespoons caraway seeds, optional

Preheat oven to 350°.

In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

In a small bowl, whisk egg, milk and butter. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in raisins and, if desired, caraway seeds.

Transfer to a greased 9-in. square baking pan.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 40-45 minutes. Remove from pan onto a wire rack. Serve warm.

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Dear Frankie



Enough is Enough

Dear Frankie,
I have come to understand I'm not the dog my parents wanted me to be. That's not to say I haven't tried. They believe that a good education requires being

exposed to all kinds of learning experiences and sports. How this translates to my life is every day after school I go to either art, music, or dance lessons. On the weekends, I play tennis or ski, depending on the time of the year, and sing in a local choral group.

The only time I have to do my homework is after dinner. Some days, I can hardly stay awake and have to get up at 5:30 the next morning to finish my assignments.

When I complain to my parents that I am exhausted, they say they would have killed to have had a childhood like mine and someday I will appreciate them for providing me a well-rounded education.

I don't know if I can continue. I'm starting to feel like I am losing my sense of self. Some days, I dread

waking up and facing the day I'm at a loss at what I should do.

Mo

Dear Mo,

Unfortunately, some parents see their children as an extension of themselves. Some want their children to fulfill their unrealized dreams and become what they weren't able to achieve. Other parents want their children to experience all the things they wished they had when they were growing up.

This is often the basis for discord among children and their parents later in life.

Before your situation gets further out of hand, or in your case paw, I suggest you talk to the adults in your life who you think will take your concerns seriously and who would advocate on your behalf. The people that come to mind are your teacher, the principal, or the counselor at your school. You might also talk to your coach, the choral director, a family member, or the parent of a friend.

You need to make your concerns known.

If all else fails, I guess you can feign illness or flat-out refuse to continue participating in any activity outside of school. Let's hope it doesn't come to this and your parents are able to

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Home schooling is increasing vastly more than public and private schooling. We need a Constitutional wall of separation between school and state. Defund public schools. They are a danger to the focused mind.

The Revolution is over. The bums lost. [The Big Lebowski]

Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven

From Pride to Shame in Fairhaven

I moved to Fairhaven 25 years ago. My husband and I wanted our sons to be raised in a safe, kind and nurturing community. We had been married and had our children in St. Petersburg, FL. When we arrived here there were ZERO people of color in any position of authority. A child with a skin tone of less than snowy white saw no adult whose face reflected theirs.

I title myself an Agitator/Activist. Agitator: I call attention to issues in my corner of the world that are morally bankrupt. Activist: I follow up with action. Remember Fairhaven's Got Pride!, archive (FNN 7/15/21 issue)? I WAS SO INCREDIBLY PROUD OF OUR TOWN. Nearly 3 years later, I AM SO INCREDIBLY ASHAMED OF OUR TOWN.

Hateful, Ignorant, Racist Graffiti On The Rogers School Wall And In A Boys Bathroom At Hastings Middle School. Town Officials Made To Feel Afraid That Harm Could Come To Their Family. The Attempted Intimidation Of Two People Of Color, Who Combined Hold Two Of The Highest Offices In Town, Is Nothing Short Of PREHENSIBLE.

Fairhavenites, it's time to educate yourselves. "White Fragility" an absolute must-read. BUT I would like to recommend "Death of Innocence"

by Mamie Till-Mobley as a first read and/or (preferably both) the historic film "Till". The lynching of her 14 year old son on 8/28/1955 ignited the spark of the Civil Rights Movement. When Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus on 12/1/1955, she cited Emmett Till's lynching as her driving force. I defy anyone to watch Till and not be moved. If you are not, you have no soul.

For a month my son, 28-year-old Zachary, and I have been on the steps of Town Hall on the evenings of Select Board meetings with signs (activism) to draw attention to (agitation) the overt racism caused by the scum who've oozed out from under their rocks. We have now been joined by two fellow citizens who are equally as disgusted in the behavior of Fairhaven's citizens.

As you read this it'll just be a few days before the last meeting for Select Board Chair Leon Correy. Two years ago after an exhausting campaign of knocking on the doors of 100s of our fellow voters, Leon Correy was voted into office, finishing within a few dozen votes of the senior incumbent. I have been BEGGING people in town to give me a reason as to WHY he is being chased out of office.* CRICKETS

I will continue to make "Good Trouble" (John Lewis - google him) in Fairhaven because this is My Corner Of The World. If all decent citizens would do the same, what a wonderful world this would be.

Diane Hahn, Fairhaven

**Mr. Correy chose not to run for re-election citing racism in Fairhaven as his main reason.*

Vote for Competent People

Fairhaven residents, vote for

competent people running for office in this election and future ones. It's not a popularity contest. We have serious budget issues looming now and in the future., where very difficult decisions have to made to balance the budget.

Rumor has it, and I am very confident that it's fact, that the Select Board is extending the contract of the current Town Administrator.

First it is clear the TA did not want to be here seeing she applied for the same position in CT.

Secondly, we have run a deficit of 700k last year, 2.1 million this year and God knows what the deficit will be next year.

So three out five SB members with great wisdom have decided it's the best interest to give a new contract to someone who looked for employment elsewhere and is running a deficit three years in a row.

Think long and hard on the direction of Fairhaven, your vote matters. We have serious issues and need serious people who have the intestinal fortitude to make difficult decisions. With the remaining three, who would have the majority no matter who gets elected in April, it's clear they do not have what it takes.

Steve Riley, Fairhaven

Tomassetti has Extensive Experience

I write in support of Diane Tomassetti, who is a candidate for Fairhaven's planning board. Diane has served the town as a town meeting member from precinct two for several years. She was appointed by the Select Board to fill a vacated Planning Board seat and now asks for your vote to a full-term position.

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Candidate Statements: Planning Board, two full-term seats



Jessica Fidalgo

My name is Jessica Fidalgo, and I am seeking your vote for re-election to the Planning Board.

During my first term, I have actively engaged in meetings, learned from experienced senior members, and attended trainings, including those toward CPTC certifications. These experiences have equipped me with valuable knowledge of Massachusetts' processes and laws, helping me to make well-informed decisions for the benefit of our community. Additionally, I have served on the Economic Development Committee and recently appointed as the SRPEDD Commissioner. I am also the Chair of the Belonging Committee, President for the Wood School PTO, Secretary for the NFIA, a Rotary Club member, and currently serve as a Community Council member for the She Should Run Organization.

Having lived in Fairhaven for most of my life and being fortunate enough to buy a home here with my husband and three daughters, I understand the struggles our younger and older residents face in finding and affording housing. We are grateful to have my grandparents living with us in our busy home, allowing them to stay in the town they have called home for 50 years. Hearing their stories of "what used to be" has fueled my passion to learn and envision how we can guide the growth of our town in a thoughtful and considerate manner, preserving our neighborhood charm and green spaces. All while enhancing the aesthetic appeal, uses in our mixed-use and commercial areas, and housing shortages.

The Planning Board had developed a comprehensive Master Plan for 2040 in collaboration with the public and various town departments. A central theme for Planning & Economic Development in the Master Plan is to safeguard our green spaces, prioritize housing, and foster economic growth while preserving the character and strong sense of community within our town. Stimulating ideas and paths for new revenue growth is essential, and

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Jeffrey Lucas

Hello, my name is Jeffrey Lucas and I am running for re-election to the Fairhaven Planning Board. I

am also a member of the Community Preservation Committee, the Fairhaven Town Militia, the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, and the Friends of the Millicent Library.

As a dedicated member of the Planning Board with many years of service and a deep knowledge of our bylaws I am committed to promoting health, safety, convenience and the general welfare to the residents of Fairhaven. I believe that thoughtful planning and strategic development, with an eye toward the long term effects of my decisions are necessary to enhance the fabric of our town. I have witnessed how short sighted and expedient decisions have had a negative effect on the community.

The Planning Board plays a pivotal role in guiding the development and livability of our town. Our bylaws, which exist to protect the integrity of our community, will serve as the compass of my actions to ensure that each choice that I make is in the best interest of our town. I aspire to fostering economic growth and expand housing opportunities by attracting new businesses and supporting local entrepreneurs resulting in job creation and safe, affordable housing.

I will continue to push for the beautification of our streetscapes as parcels are redeveloped, especially along the Route 6 corridor. Proper landscaping not only adds aesthetic beauty and safety, it also provides environmental and health benefits plus a stronger sense of community.

As your representative on the Planning Board I will listen to your concerns, advocate for your interests, fight for the integrity of the bylaws and ensure that every decision I make reflects the values of Fairhaven residents.



Diane Tomassetti

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.
Socrates

I have been appointed by the Select Board to fill a vacated Planning Board seat and as a result I am new to the board yet not new to town politics. For a number of years, I was a voting town member of Precinct Two.

This April I seek your vote for a full-term position on the Planning Board.

I respect informed decisions, upholding high ethical standards, avoiding conflict of interest, maintaining confidentiality and complying with legal and regulatory requirements as they pertain to the purview of the Planning Board.

By carefully selecting individuals with these qualities, you, the town residents, will be positioning the future of the Planning Board for long-term success in today's environment, present and future.

Planning for the growth and future of our town are the building blocks of progress. We must preserve what matters to Fairhaven residents so that future generations experience the majesty of our heritage while not being complacent nor self-seeking. All of this within the blueprint of official rules.

I bring to the board a diverse perspective, background and wide range of relevant experience that will be a guide in today's dynamic landscape. I have worked with planning boards in California, Hawaii, Colorado and here in Fairhaven over a previous 20-year period. I have designed and built homes within the regulatory framework of the Fairhaven Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Committee, Building Commission and FEMA to great success. The process may not be new to me yet the perspective has changed. As both a MA Realtor and Fairhaven resident I understand the regulatory aspects of determinations and rulings.

Diversity fosters creativity, innovation and better decision-making by challenging conventional thinking,

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Candidate Statements: Planning Board, 1 year unexpired term

Karyn Ferreira

My name is Karyn Ferreira, and I've been a resident of the Town of Fairhaven for over 30 years, and I am writing to you (Voters of Fairhaven, Ma.) to ask for your support in the upcoming election for the Office of the Fairhaven Planning Board.

Having resided in Fairhaven for over 30 years, I have come to have a deep appreciation for our Town, and realize that I have been fortunate to be able to reside here, so much so, and to the point that I have become somewhat worried as to what direction we are going to take in the coming future, in order to ensure that Fairhaven remains a great Town to reside in.

I have for the past three years been fortunate enough to be able to give back to my community members by conducting numerous fundraisers and community endeavors, supporting local children's and teen sports teams, such as softball, basketball, baseball, Fairhaven Road Race, and parades, as well as others.

I also serve as a board member of the Friends of Jack Foundation, and I am currently serving on the Town of Fairhaven's Economic Development Committee.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to go out and VOTE, and consider using one of your votes for Karyn L. Ferreira, Fairhaven Planning Board.

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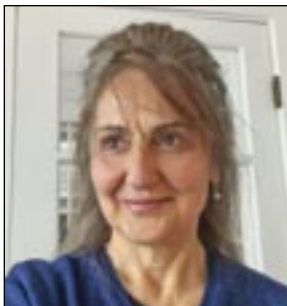
bolstering regulatory requirements and reinforcing regulatory powers either by state statute or by local governing boards...know the rules, and quote them.

As your elected board member, I will encourage collaboration, respect different viewpoints, help guide strategic decision-making processes effectively and ask the all-important questions so that every resident may live in a neighborhood environment having those qualities of safety, comfort, convenience and equality within the required ordinances.

My passion is planning, designing and working towards a common goal of understanding. Your vote is your voice and I am listening!

Mahalo Nui Loa. (thank you very much)

As for the future, your task is not to foresee it, but to enable it. Antoine de Sint Exupery.



Despina Longinidis

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fathers of Fairhaven wrote their bylaws so that when followed, they would create a fair and pleasant way for us to exist together. When followed, these bylaws help preserve the charm of Fairhaven while expanding it to stay with the times.

As I run for this one-year volunteer public service position on the Planning Board, I consciously decide to serve my community. I promise to look through requests, do my research (which includes listening to you), and to collaborate with others to reach decisions that honor the integrity of our Town's guiding documents, the bylaws. Any changes to these documents will be made with great care, and in consideration for the intent of the founding fathers.

You may or may not know this, but as we speak, the taxpayers of Fairhaven are paying counsel to represent the present Planning and Zoning Boards in Court because these Boards with the support of some town officials, have adamantly and in their own words, "bent" the bylaws in order to approve at least 3 non eligible projects, and have also decided (again in their own words) to "change the bylaws". Some of these members are running for the Select Board spots in this election.

The cost of counsel and the other costs that will more than likely result from losing these cases in Court are high and also avoidable, by the simple act of following the bylaws. This is what I'm promising to do so that we can be in compliance and put our tax dollars to better use.

I look forward to meeting you at the polls on April 1st.

VOTE

Fairhaven Election on
Mon., 4/1. Polls open
from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Richard Trapilo

As our beloved town of Fairhaven prepares to elect new leaders to guide us into the future, I am writing to

share my vision and ask for your support in the upcoming election for the Fairhaven Planning Board. With a background as a business executive and entrepreneur, I bring a unique perspective and skill set that I believe will be invaluable in shaping the development and sustainability of our community.

I believe in public service and firmly hold that government can be a part of the solution rather than the problem. I bring to the Planning Board years of corporate and entrepreneurial business experience. My focus is on respecting our town's rich coastal history, dating back to our country's quest for independence as enshrined in the Legacy of Fort Phoenix. Our Planning Board must respect our history while looking to the future to ensure our community's health, safety, and prosperity.

Health: We must protect our natural resources along our shoreline, in our parks, and recreational areas. Wherever possible, we should expand space in our recreational areas. It's imperative to ensure that our water filtration system continues to support our growing population.

Safety: The town's business and residential development must reflect our community's core values. All individuals should have the peace of mind to nurture their families, provide quality education for their children, and ensure our seniors have a cherished space to appreciate the charm of our community.

Prosperity: The board should never hinder local businesses but rather act as a partner and ally to facilitate job growth and economic prosperity for our town. Our Town's Master Plan, presented in 2016, must be updated to reflect emerging technology and its impact on our coastal community

Collaborative Leadership: I believe in the power of collaboration and consensus-building. I am committed

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Obituary: Patricia A. (Martins) August



Patricia A. August

Patricia A. (Martins) August, 86, of Fairhaven passed away peacefully at home Friday, March 8, 2024. She was the

former wife of the late Joseph S. August.

Born and raised in New Bedford, she was the daughter of the late

Antonio R. Martins and Mary T. (Demaris) Sitarz, she lived the New Bedford/Fairhaven area all of her life. She had worked at UMass Dartmouth from 1992-2015 in the cafeteria until her retirement. Pat enjoyed ballroom dancing, gardening, knitting and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary A. August-Freitas and her husband Gary Freitas of Dartmouth, Janice E. August of Silver Springs, FL and Karen T. Goodhue and her husband Paul of Fairhaven; four grandchildren, Nicole Medeiros, Kathleen Marchessault, Kerri Farland and Sarah Ledoux; six great grandchildren, Maxwell, Alexander,

Adriana, Grant, Addison and Olivia; her siblings, Anthony R. Martins and his wife Pat of New Bedford, Joan Bertrand of VA and Bruce Sylvia of New Bedford; a brother-in-law, Paul Belliveau of Acushnet; and several nieces and nephews. Pat was the sister of the late Carolyn E. Belliveau.

In accordance with her wishes, private arrangements are under the direction of the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Community Nurse and Home Care, 47 State Rd., Dartmouth, MA 02747.

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Young Adult Progs

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for a series of creative exercises intended to lessen anxiety, build confidence, and grow creativity and develop the skills needed to doodle as a form of play and problem-solving.

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, March 26th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

The following public hearings will be held

1. **Case #2024.02.20B** A continuance of the case of Justin Lawrence, of 23 Birch Street, who is petitioning the Board for a variance to construct a single-family dwelling on Lambert Street (assessor's plat 18, lot 4G). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1E.
2. **Case #2024.03.26A** A case of Cathy and David Makuch, of 203 Leonard Street, who are appealing the Board due to a decision made by the Building Commissioner concerning 197 Leonard Street and a business certificate issued to Chase DeTerra in August 2023. This grievance is being made under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A section 8, 14, & 15.

*** Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours ***

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday April 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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1. REF#: ZBA-024-008: 26 Rivet Street, Map 31A, Lots 51 & 52. Applicant and Owner: Ryan Haworth. Applicant seeks a 4 ft. Variance to build a 576 sq. ft. garage with a height of 24 ft. as compared to the maximum 20 ft., pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and Uses A. (2).
2. REF#: ZBA-024-009: 29 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 119. Applicant and Owner: 29 Nakata Ave. Realty Trust. Applicant seeks 1. A 3.75 ft. Variance for the construction of a new 26 ft. by 42 ft. single-family residence on a flood zone compliant concrete pile foundation to be 38.75 ft. in height as compared to

the maximum 35 ft., pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, and 2. An 8 ft. Variance for the north side setback to be 12 ft. as compared to the minimum 20 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, and 3. A 7.5 ft. Variance the south side setback to be 12.5 ft. as compared to the minimum 20 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, and 4. A 20.5 ft. Variance for the rear setback to be 9.5 ft. as compared to the minimum 30 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Kenneth Kendall, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. MGL, Ch. 30A, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:

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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076

Passcode: 633695

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- a. **CON 023-410: 168 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 33 & 34** Request for Determination filed by Kirk & Rene Pinto to remove and replace a masonry foundation

wall along the water side of the house and replace with concrete block wall; they also request to remove a concrete patio and replace with a post-supported timber deck. Work to take place within 100 ft. to the Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank and Salt Marsh and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage at Assessors' Map 43B, Lot 33 & 34.

- b. **CON 023-413: 188 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 43** Notice of Intent filed by John Elander/Fairhaven Realty Trust to remove deteriorating concrete vertical seawall and replace with a precast block wall. Work to be performed on a Coastal Bank and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage at Assessors' Map 43B, Lot 43.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website.

Karen Isherwood, Vice Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

FNN: 3/21/24

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of MGL as amended by Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Fairhaven Select Board, that Blue Stream Shellfish LLC has filed an application to install a shellfish nursery installation in Jack's Cove within the municipal waters of the Town of Fairhaven. The application, including a plan showing the specific location of the proposed site, can be viewed at the Marine Resources Department at Town Hall. The current application will be addressed in a meeting with the Select Board, to be held on April 8 at 7:00 P.M. Meeting information can be found on the Town of Fairhaven website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board>).

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engaging community members as stakeholders in the process is vital.

Currently, the planning board is focusing on implementing a 40R overlay district. This initiative offers property owners the option to construct mixed-use properties within the overlay district, adhering to our design standards which can help revitalize areas suffering from oversized parking lots and a lack of vibrant atmosphere, akin to the village and downtown areas we love.

Proposed changes regarding ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) aim to permit their construction without the need for special permits in certain zones. ADUs offer solutions to the challenges many face in finding affordable housing in Fairhaven, facilitating multi-generational living arrangements and providing social

and economic benefits. Promoting mixed-use areas in town fosters vitality and economic growth, reminiscent of historical practices. Integrating residences and small businesses encourages community engagement and showcases the potential of our town.

By encouraging economic growth and community well-being through planning initiatives and thoughtful zoning regulations, we can unlock Fairhaven's full potential and shape a vibrant future.

As you cast your vote on April 1st, I ask for your support to continue representing and advocating for Fairhaven residents, preserving the aspects of our town that we hold most dear. Together, let's shape a brighter tomorrow for all residents of Fairhaven.

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to listening to the diverse voices and perspectives of Fairhaven residents, as well as working closely with fellow Planning Board members, local officials, and stakeholders to develop comprehensive and inclusive planning policies that reflect our community's values and priorities.

Experience: MBA, BA, Massachusetts Real Estate Broker, Corporate President, Business Owner, Board Member of private and public entities, volunteer at the Town of Fairhaven Clerk's Office, and Parishioner of Saint Joseph Parish.

I am eager to earn your trust and serve as a dedicated advocate for our beloved town. Per Mr. Keith Silvia, Fairhaven Selectman "Rick will bring solid business experience to our Planning Board."

Vote Rick Trapilo Fairhaven Planning Board Member. Email: rftrapilo@yahoo.com

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see the errors of their ways and allow you to cut back to a more reasonable schedule.

Best, Frankie

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/1, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee/ Select Board

Wed., 3/20, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 3/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/13, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 3/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 3/26, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 3/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 3/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point

	March 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	21	0624	1847	0110	1340
Friday	22	0704	1923	0153	1417
Saturday	23	0740	1958	0230	1440
Sunday	24	0815	2034	0245	1359
Monday	25	0852	2110	0221	1417
Tuesday	26	0930	2147	0248	1448
Wednesday	27	1008	2225	0321	1522*
Thursday	28	1046	2305	0356*	1558*
Friday	29	1127	2349	0432*	1635*
Saturday	30	---	1216	0510	1714*
Sunday	31	0042	1313	0555	1802

	April 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Monday	1	0141	1412	0656	1907
Tuesday	2	0239	1511	0810	2024
Wednesday	3	0340	1615	0920	2137
Thursday	4	0447	1723	1028	2254
Friday	5	0551	1819	1134*	---
Saturday	6	0642	1906	0005*	1226*
Sunday	7	0729	1952	0101*	1311*
Monday	8	0815	2039	0153*	1357*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

LETTERS: cont'd from page 11

Her political statement outlines her extensive experience, including working with planning boards in California, Hawaii, Colorado, and Fairhaven for over 20 years. She has designed and built homes within the regulatory framework of the Fairhaven planning board, zoning board, conservation commission, and building commission.

She respects informed decisions, avoiding conflicts of interest, maintaining confidentiality, and complying with legal and regulatory requirements as they pertain to the purview of the planning board.

Although her professional experience is impressive, I know her as a person of great integrity, honesty, and high ethical standards. She is smart, knowledgeable, and deeply committed to Fairhaven and its future.

I urge you to vote for Diane Tomassetti for Fairhaven's planning board.

Cindy Johnson, Fairhaven

Former Fire Chief Supports McKenna

I am writing in support of Donna McKenna for Fairhaven Select Board.

I have known Donna for many years and she has been a dedicated member of the School Committee and other committees for the past 12 years.

As Former Fire Chief here in Fairhaven, with great pleasure, I've had the opportunity for a business relationship as well as being a long-time friend. I firmly believe Donna will be totally dedicated for this Select Board position.

Donna will be an independent voice and open transparency to this town. Donna has shown she has the experience of budgets and policies working with the School Committee these past years.

I encourage you to come out on April 1st and vote for Donna McKenna for Select Board. Every Vote Counts. Thank you.

Timothy Francis, Fairhaven

Manzone Supports Romano

I would like to submit this letter of support for Andrew Romano for Select Board. I was telephoned by Mr. Romano, and had a very pleasant conversation about our community. We discussed the many issues the Town was facing at that time and I did explain to him my feelings toward

those issues. I spoke of my experiences as a past Select Board member and the many complex parts of the job. I explained what this Town means to me, and how it was important to bring people together.

Mr. Romano spoke of his involvement within the community and his views about bringing people together. Keep in mind to this point I had not met this gentleman, we were speaking together for the first time. He spoke of his involvement with the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and his willingness to make a difference.

Caring about people was not only something he would do once elected, it was something he continues to do every day.

While we have many good candidates, I was truly impressed by the generation Andrew would represent. Andrew could motivate other younger folks to community service. People say the younger generation never get involved, well, here is a truly motivated, educated and caring individual at our doorstep. I feel this is what we really need at this time, a true representative of the future of this community.

Our community has struggled with filling the boards and commissions. We need to stimulate the importance of community service, Andrew would make a great ambassador for this mission. Andrew will bring positive energy to our Select Board, something we can all agree we need.

I have always believed that you will only have good government by electing good people.

Please join me in voting for Andrew Romano, he will continue to make a real difference for all of us, today and tomorrow.

Ronnie Manzone, Fairhaven

Romano will be Positive and Independent Voice

I am writing this letter to express my support of Andrew Romano for the Fairhaven Select Board.

I am a resident of Fairhaven, former chairperson of the Fairhaven Cultural Council, and a veteran middle school teacher. Prior to Andrew's career in real estate, I had the pleasure of working with him through the SMEC program at Ford Middle School in Acushnet, where Andrew's strong work ethic, positivity, and character were assets

to our school community.

Since then, I have appreciated how Andrew has employed these qualities to become an asset to the Fairhaven community as well.

If given the opportunity to serve on the Fairhaven Select Board, I believe that Andrew Romano will listen and consider diverse viewpoints with an open mind. His experience in different career paths gives him the ability to understand issues from a variety of perspectives:

Andrew can appreciate the needs of both business owners and residents of our community. Andrew has also participated in town government, currently serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Town Meeting member. He is familiar with meeting norms and procedures, and can be counted on to be respectful and collegiate.

I am most inspired by Andrew's community service work. He is fully committed to improving our community, and has volunteered tirelessly for numerous organizations including the Fairhaven Rotary Club and the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, where he serves as President.

As a Select Board member, Andrew would likewise make decisions that have meaningful impacts on the town and residents.

If elected, Andrew will be a positive and independent voice on the Select Board who will focus on doing what is genuinely best for our town.

I strongly encourage Fairhaven residents to vote for Andrew Romano for Select Board on April 1.

Kristine Daniels, Fairhaven

Our ability to participate in government, to elect our leaders and to improve our lives is contingent upon our ability to access the ballot. We know in our heart of hearts that voting is a sacred right — the fount from which all other rights flow.

Stacey Abrams



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Candidates Nights

See page 3 for details.

Mr. Fairhaven

Fairhaven High School PTO presents Mr. Fairhaven on Sat., 3/23, 6 p.m., Hastings Middle School Auditorium. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$10/ students. All proceeds benefit the afterprom.

For tickets: Rebecca Surprenant, 508-826-7672; Tracey Francis, 508-525-5231; Heidi Branco, 508-965-2907; or email Fairhavenhsto@gmail.com.

Archives Night

Please join us for our first ever "Open Archives Night" on Mon., 3/25, from from 5:30-7:00PM at the Millicent Library's Auditorium, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven. To celebrate Women's History Month, view touch, and interpret objects and records from our Archives & Special Collections and learn about the history of women in Fairhaven.

At Open Archives Night, we invite you to interact with archives directly, becoming a historian yourself by making observations, discussing objects and records, asking questions, and thinking creatively about Fairhaven history. This is not an exhibit, but an opportunity to have hands-on experience with some of our lesser-known collections.

Meet the Millicent Library's Archivist/Assistant Director Violet Hurst, and learn about Fairhaven's suffragettes, who fought for their right to vote before the passage of the 19th amendment – and the resistance they encountered, even from other women in town. Read about women-formed and women-led social, political, and charitable organizations and programs in town from the early nineteenth century until the present. View nineteenth-century diaries, period clothing, and photographs, and more, and explore changing ideas attitudes among and about women throughout Fairhaven's history.

Free and open to all history lovers ages 14 and up. Registration is encouraged. To register, please visit MillicentLibrary.Org/Registration; vhurst@SailsInc.Org, 508-992-5342

Fhvn GOP

Please consider joining the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee.

March 21st at 6pm at 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven.

We will have a lot of post election news to discuss and exciting new campaign news to announce. Call Chair Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416 or email us fairhavenrtc@gmail.com

Fhvn Village Militia

Come and meet the Fairhaven Village Militia at our meet and greet event on Sat., 3/23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Fairhaven EMA Building, 150 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven.

A free indoor educational event outlining Fairhaven's history during the Revolutionary War era. Meet our re-enactors, and see demonstrations of colonial life including midwifery, colonial clothing and sewing, tin smithing, and other period happenings. There will be a children's area where kids can try out colonial toys and games that children enjoyed at that time. If the weather permits, we may have an outside encampment and drilling. This is a great event for the young and old alike. Come see this living history event.

Beach Cleanup

Be The Solution to Pollution is sponsoring a cleanup on Hacker Street in Fairhaven on 3/23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Wear closed-toe waterproof shoes or boots. Meet at the end of Hacker Street Fairhaven

Gloves, bags tools provided. Contact: Instagram: marylou4oceans, bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com

Coffehouse

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven invites you to a concert by SloGrass, one of Central Massachusetts' longest-performing bluegrass bands, from 7 to 9 p.m. March 23.

SloGrass plays an eclectic mix of instrumental and vocal bluegrass songs. Besides bluegrass, the musicians draw on a repertoire of blues, jazz, folk, American Songbook, Americana, world music, and originals.

Bob Dick on bass, Mark Whiting Davis on steel-string guitar, David DiBiasio on banjo, dobro and nylon-string guitar, and Fran McConville on mandolin make up the band. To learn more, visit www.slograss.com.

All seats are first-come, first-served. Doors open at 6. Tickets are

\$15 for adults, \$7 for kids under 15. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be available for purchase. To buy tickets, text a request to 717-462-0411.

The parish house at 102 Green St. is accessible via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit uufairhaven.org.

Dollars 4 Scholars

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars has over 40 scholarships available for 2024. Application period is open through April 1, 2024.

For full list of scholarships and details on how to apply go to <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>.

NEW scholarships are being added constantly. Check your profile weekly to see what NEW scholarships you qualify for both at the local and national level. Scholarships are awarded for a variety of reasons, including academics, sports, community service, chosen major, and more.

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars chapter is a nonprofit foundation that supports academic success in our community. As part of Scholarship America's national network of locally based, volunteer-driven Dollars for Scholars chapters, our mission is to mobilize our community on behalf of postsecondary education success for our students.

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If you don't have access to a computer, a survey card will be available for you next to a box outside the Town Clerk's office, in the Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.

The survey ends April 15, 2024 (NOTE DEADLINE EXTENDED)

Thank you for participating.

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STILL IN TOWN

Food Drive

The Fairhaven Belonging Committee and Rotary Club are supporting a community food drive ending on April 6. This year donations will go to the school department's Family Resource Center, Council on Aging in Fairhaven, and the First Congregational Church food pantry in Fairhaven. Looking for non-perishables ONLY. Nut butters, jelly, pasta, pasta sauces, mac & cheese, cereals are frequent needs. Toiletries welcome.

Look for donation boxes and drives around town or drop off at the COA, 229 Huttleston Ave., on April 6th 9a-1p. For more information or to join with a box or drive of your own contact belonging@fairhaven.gov or Ruby0918@comcast.net.

Volunteers are welcome to help sort items on 4/6.

SAVE THE DATES:

Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites you to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., 3/30, at Livesey Park, Parker Street, Fairhaven, 9 a.m. SHARP.

Children from toddler to 12 are invited to participate. Categories are: Toddler to age 4, 5-8, 9-12.

Bring your Easter basket and come out to welcome the Easter Bunny.

Hetty

The Fairhaven Historical Society presents "Hetty, The Genius and Madness of America's First Female

Tycoon," by Charles Slack, writer, editor and author. At Fairhaven Town Hall, Thurs., 4/4, 6:30 p.m. Donations accepted.

FHS Drama Musical

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is excited to present this year's spring musical, *The Prom*, where four eccentric Broadway stars are in desperate need of a new stage. When they hear that trouble is brewing around a small-town prom, they know that it's time to put a spotlight on the issue...and themselves. The town's parents want to keep the high school dance on the straight and narrow—but when Emma Nolan just wants to bring her girlfriend to prom, the entire town has a date with destiny. On a mission to transform lives, Broadway's brassiest join forces with a courageous girl and the town's citizens to build a prom for everyone. Winner of the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical, *The Prom* expertly captures all the humor and heart of a classic musical comedy with a message that resonates with audiences now more than ever.

The Prom will be performed at Fairhaven High School on April 4th, 5th and 6th at 7PM, with a matinee on April 7th at 2PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$10 for FHS students (ID will be required at the door). Tickets are assigned seating and can be purchased at the link below, as well as in person before each per-

formance. For more information, please email mrebello@fairhavenps.net. Visit <https://fairhaven-public-schools.ticketleap.com/the-prom>

Masonic Open House

All welcome! Please attend the free open house at the George H. Taber Masonic Lodge, 20 Center Street, Fairhaven, on Sat., 4/13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come learn the history of one of Fairhaven's hidden architectural gems as well as the world's oldest fraternity.

OLOA Dinner

Our Lady of Angel Annual Dinner, Sat., 4/27, 5-8 p.m., at OLOA, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Tickets: \$15.

Call Joe Mello, 508-733-4608, and leave a message for tickets.

WI 5K

The 11th Annual West Island 5K will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024 with the Kids Mile at 10am and 5K at 11am (more information at westisland5k.org). Registration is open at <https://my.racewire.com/event/7782>.

Please email Lyle at westisland5k@yahoo.com if you want to sponsor the race or volunteer.

Volunteers are needed on Sat., April 20, 2-4pm at the West Island Improvement Association to support registration, number pick-up, and course setup. On Sun., 4/21 (race day), we will need help 8am-12pm to support registration, number pick-up, Kids Mile setup/execution, awards setup, and site cleanup.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Scholarships

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is offering two \$2000 scholarships to residents of the Greater New Bedford area who are high school seniors graduating in June and who are planning to attend a four year college and pursue a career in horticulture, agriculture, landscape design, agriculture design, forestry, conservation or environmental design.

The goals of The GNB Garden Club are to offer educational and inspirational programs and to encourage the advancement of gardening, flower arranging, horticulture, the beautification of the community and the conservation of natural resources. Scholarships are given out every year

as a way to support these objectives.

The scholarship applications are available to high school seniors in the guidance offices of New Bedford High School, Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical Regional HS, Dartmouth HS, Westport HS, Old Rochester HS, Old Colony Regional HS, Bishop Stang HS, Global Learning HS and Bristol County Agricultural HS.

The deadline for applications and required paperwork is April 1, 2024 and must be postmarked by that date.

For further information, contact virginiashiehan427@comcast.net.

Bunny Shoot

Food, fun prizes! The New Bedford

Rifle and Revolver Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford, will sponsor a Bunny Shoot on Sun., 3/24 from noon to 4 p.m. No...no actual bunnies are harmed in this event, honest.

All ages are accepted, no license required. Door prizes, caravan auction, 50/50 raffle.

All profits benefit Troop 3 for camp scholarships.

Cost: \$1 per target; 3 shots/target.

Visit <http://www.nbrcc.com/clubevents.html> or email secretary@nbrcc.com; 508-990-2523.

Lenten Fish Dinner

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church will hold a Fish Fry

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STILL OVERTOWN

dinner on March 22 immediately following the 7 p.m. Adoration/Stations of the Cross, at the parish hall behind the church, 4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford.

Choice of fried or baked fresh cod "New England Style," with French fries, cole slaw, dinner rolls, and dessert, all for \$15.00

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Please contact the church office for tickets by calling 508-996-8934, or email officeolop@gmail.com

One Night Only

New Bedford Festival Theatre (NBFT) is thrilled to announce its upcoming show, "Jesse Luttrell Showstopper" direct from NYC for one night only.

March 23, 7 p.m., at NB Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Tickets: \$40 & \$50. Available for purchase at www.zeierion.org/events/nbft-showstopper or at nbfestivaltheatre.com

Civil War in 3D

The public can put on 3D glasses

and view Civil War images as they were meant to be seen at a program titled *The Civil War in 3D* at 2:30 p.m. Sun. 3/24 at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum, 100C Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.

John Wojtowicz, past president of the Photographic Historical Society of New England and adjunct professor in history at Massasoit Community College, will be the program presenter. The program is presented by the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Historical Association as part of its winter speaker series.

The Civil War remains very much in the American consciousness, in part because it was extensively photographed. While many people have seen the famous images, few may know that they were shot with stereo cameras.

The program provides 3D glasses so that visitors can view the images as they were meant to be seen.

The program is free and there is ample parking provided.

ELECT Southcoast

ELECT SouthCoast's second workshop, "Ready, Set, Run!: Strengthen Your Skills to Hit the Ground Running" will be on Fri., 3/29,

at 6 p.m. at the Greater Southeastern MA Labor Council, 560 Pleasant St. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/nh9utkvz>

ELECT South Coast is an all-volunteer organization committed to advancing our collective good, investing in our region's future, and improving gender parity in public office. Visit <https://electsouthcoast.org>, or electsouthcoast@gmail.com

RJD Open House

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), 396 County St., NB, will hold an Open House on Sat., 3/23, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Learn about the history of the 1834 Greek Revival mansion and its gardens by taking a docent-guided tour or by using the self-guide which is now in digital format. Admission is free, and guests will have an opportunity to enter a drawing to win a Museum membership (winner need not be present). Light refreshments will be provided. Although admission is free during the open house, donations are welcome. For more information, contact the Museum at 508-997-1401 or visit the website, rjdmuseum.org.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Bird Club

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Wed., 3/27, at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library (7 Barstow Street). Free and open to the public. More bird info at the Nasketucket Bird Club website: <https://www.nbcbirdclub.com/> or find us on Facebook.

The meeting program will feature Shawn Carey who will be speaking about Iceland.

Iceland abounds in natural splendor: Waterfalls and glaciers, panoramic views, and otherworldly landscapes. It is a land of Northern Lights and midnight sun. And it is the realm of one of the world's most charming and iconic birds: the Atlantic Puffin. But Iceland is home to much more. Join us to find out more.

Mattapoisett GOP

The Mattapoisett Republican Party welcomes all to join us on Thurs., 3/21, from 6 to 8:00 PM for our

monthly scheduled meeting. Be a part of the discussion on local initiatives, support of candidates in future elections and share ideas with like-minded neighbors.

This month's guest speaker is Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr. He is the 30th High Sheriff of Plymouth County and leader of perhaps the oldest law enforcement agency in America. Wpreaker begins at 7:00 pm, Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett. There is always good food, good people, and a cash bar.

For info: Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, PCMattyGOP@proton.me; Mail: 82 County Road PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; Website: MattapoisettGOP.com. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Live Owl Show

Westport Land Conservation Trust is pleased to once again be hosting Mark and Marcia Wilson and their phenomenal live owl show, Eyes on Owls! Sat., 3/23, 400 Old County Road,

Westport, Westport Middle-High School. Two shows: 10 am and 1 pm. Tickets: \$5 kids, \$10 adults, available through eventbrite and at the door <https://westportlandtrust.org/events/eyes-on-owls-live/>

Egg Hunt

The annual Acushnet Egg Hunt is back for its third year! Join The Rescue Cafe, Spruce Up Acushnet, and Stuck On U Design at the Acushnet Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, for a community egg hunt on Sat., 3/30, at 4 p.m.

Kids 12 and under are welcome to participate, and will be separated into age groups in order to make things fun and fair. Eggs will contain various types of candy and small prizes.

Art Exhibit

Join us for the opening reception of this dynamic exhibition on Fri., 3/29, from 5-7 p.m., at Dartmouth Cultural

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